

MINUTES
RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD
June 10, 2005
Room 4A - Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Bldg.
160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 9:06 A. M

ADJOURNED: 11:28 A.M

PRESENT:

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager
LaTonya Green, Board Secretary

Board Members:

Patricia J. McLean	Lucinda Ellis
Lisa Wood	Sharron McKone

ABSENT:

Steven Christensen	Carla Willard
Jordan Kimble	

GUESTS:

Ray Walker, Regulations Compliance Officer; Loy Ann Hunt, Intermountain Health Care; Karl Perry, Attorney Generals Office; Dr. Jane Van Valkenburg, Weber State University.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes

The minutes of the March 18, 2005 board meeting were approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Jackie Gutierrez Stipulation

Mr. Ormond reviewed a Stipulation and Order for Ms. Gutierrez, signed on May 4, 2005, in which she surrendered her license for unprofessional conduct. She agreed to not re-apply for five years from the date of the approval of the surrender.

Radiology Survey

Ms. McLean advised the Board of the survey she had recently completed concerning the scope of practice of a radiologist technologist and whether they could administer certain drugs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

M. Moody Email

An Email received from Mr. Moody regarding licensure requirements was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Ormond stated he had received numerous questions concerning who should be licensed as a Radiology Technologist.

The Board discussed whether people who are doing ultrasounds should become licensed. The scope of practice

defined in the Radiology Technology Rules was referred to for clarification. A lot of states do require them to become licensed

as a Radiology Technologist. If the profession feels there is a risk to public safety and wants to require them to be licensed the Association must propose a change to the statute.

After further discussion, it was decided that only those who are exempted from licensure, pursuant to Subsection 58-54-4.3, Utah Code Annotated, or those exempted from licensure by a provision of another licensing statute under Title 58, could practice radiology technology without being licensed.

Rule Change Proposals

A discussion took place concerning whether the Radiology Technology Licensing Act Rules need to be modified. Mr. Ormond again stated he has been contacted as to what the scope of practice is for a Radiology Practical Technician. After reviewing the statute, it appears that the Legislature did not include a scope of practice for this level of licensure. However, the Legislature referenced that the Radiology Practical Technician examination should use the scope of practice to develop a task analysis to determine what the examination should include.

Mr. Walker explained that while there is inherent rule making authority in Title 58 Chapter 1, the Division can not just change a rule if someone doesn't like it. There are guidelines for the changing of a rule that must be followed.

Ms. Wood stated that the statute is quite old and issues within the profession are changing at a rapid pace. It appears there is a lot of confusion out there about what tasks can be performed without licensure and which ones require licensure. Therefore, it is time to clarify a number of issues in the Law and Rules.

Ms. Wood said the statute is quite old, and issues within the profession are changing at a rapid pace and that it is time to go back into the act and rules to clarify a number of issues.

Ms. Ellis asked Dr. Van Valkenburg to give a short history of the development of the Law and Rules for this profession. Dr. Van Valkenburg complied and added that the biggest opposition had come from the Medical Association at that time. She further stated that if the profession intends to make any changes to the Law and Rules it should be prepared for opposition from the Medical Association again.

Mr. Ormond then explained the rule making process to the Board.

After an in-depth discussion it was decided that the following issues should be addressed:

1. The language defining the examination requirements;
2. The definition of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation;
3. The definition of what supervision means;
4. The language that defines unprofessional conduct
5. The examination of education programs;
6. The scope of practice of a practical technician; and
7. The definition equivalent education program.

These issues will be further discussed at the September 23, 2005, board meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

September 23, 2005

DATE APPROVED

CHAIRPERSON, RADIOLOGY
TECHNOLOGIST BOARD

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